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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, SW
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF PHILIP AGEE IN SWEDEN

1. DURING LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE FEBRUARY 18 LEIF LEIFLAND, MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR, BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF PHILIP AGEE AND MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF HIS COMING TO SWEDEN. SWEDISH PRESS HAS BEEN COVERING AGEE'S EXPULSION FROM UK, AND AS LEIFLAND NOTED, IN ONE INTERVIEW AGEE SAID HE MIGHT DECIDE TO GO TO SWEDEN. (IN AN ARTICLE IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PAPER AFTONBLADET FEBRUARY 18, AGEE IS DESCRIBED AS NOT WISHING TO RETURN TO THE US OR CUBA. AFTONBLADET QUOTES HIM AS SAYING "THERE REMAINS BASICALLY THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES OR PARIS. INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN FROM NORWAY IN OFFERING US REFUGE.")

2. ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF AGEE DECIDED TO COME HERE, LEIFLAND SAID WITH VALID US PASSPORT AGEE NEEDED NO VISA AND COULD COME AND STAY AT LEAST THREE MONTHS WITHOUT ANY PERMISSION FROM GOS. (TO STAY LONGER AGEE WOULD NEED TO APPLY TO AUTHORITIES FOR EXTENSION. LEIFLAND NOTED THAT TO WORK IN SWEDEN, AGEE WOULD NEED A WORK PERMIT, BUT
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UNDER SWEDISH REGULATIONS THIS WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO DO.) HE SAID GOS WOULD NOT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE HAVE ANY VALID REASON FOR TRYING TO DENY AGEE ENTRY OR TO EXPEL HIM, SINCE AS FAR AS HE KNEW USG WAS NOT SEEKING HIS RETURN. LEIFLAND VOLUNTEERED THAT INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF UK AUTHORITIES MIGHT OFFER A CASE AGAINST AGEE, BUT HE IMAGINED THAT UK WOULD NOT WISH

TO SHARE THIS WITH GOS.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE SURPRISED AT LEIFLAND'S RAISING THE SUBJECT OF AGEE, SINCE WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE SOME SENSITIVITY, BUT HE DID NOT SHOW ANY PARTICULAR CONCERN. AT THE SAME TIME LEIFLAND (WHO HAS BEEN ON VACATION THIS WEEK) OBVIOUSLY DID NOT HAVE ANY FRESH NEWS ABOUT AGEE AND WAS SPEAKING FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. HE MENTIONED FOR EXAMPLE THE RECENT PUBLICITY ABOUT GEORGE LENNOX (STOCKHOLM 749 NOTAL) AND NEWS STORIES ABOUT AGEE. IF LEIFLAND IS AWARE OF ANY POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT TO GOS FROM LENNOX AND/OR AGEE MAKING DISCLOSURES HIGHLIGHTING GOS "NON-NEUTRAL" COOPERATION WITH USG, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SHOW IT DURING HIS BRIEF LUNCHEON CONVERSATION.

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